

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jan Nieuwenhuis )  
Serial No.: 10/006,796 ) Art Unit: 1618  
Filed: December 4, 2001 ) Conf. No.: 9843  
Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANT AND )  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ONE )

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 22, 2006. Kindly reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

**Amendments** to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 6 of this paper.